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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Iowa State Training School for Boys
3211 Edgington Avenue, Shepard Building
Eldora, IA 50627

June 2, 2016

Present: Joel Illian, Chair; Andrew Allen; Karyn Finn; Jeremy Kaiser; Roy Klobnak; Trevor Lynn; Bill Ocker; Tony Reed; Carl Smith; Jennifer Tibbetts; Julie Walton; Jeralyn Westercamp; Doug Wolfe

Staff: Steve Michael; Dave Kuker; Scott Musel; Kathy Nesteby; Julie Rinker;

I. Call to Order

• Changes and Approval of Agenda

Joel Illian called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Introductions were made. **Carl Smith moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Karyn Finn. The motion was unanimously approved.**

II. Approve Minutes

Roy Klobnak moved to approve the minutes from the March 1st meeting, seconded by Doug Wolfe. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Division & National Update

Steve Michael reported the following:

- A status quo budget was approved, but does not cover salary/benefit increases. One vacancy and other federal grants help supplement any shortages.
- Juvenile confidentiality legislation was signed into law in March and includes court and arrest records.
- A grant application was submitted to the Council of State Governments. Although Iowa was not selected, a similar grant application was submitted last week to federal Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention. The effort ties together current initiatives to reform juvenile justice and align systems.
- New commissioner orientation—DHR will be hosting an orientation for all council/commission members. Invitations will be sent when plans have been finalized.

Andrew Allen suggested providing information to assist and educate youth on disclosing juvenile court involvement when filling out job applications. Scott Musel responded that the Youth Rights & Responsibilities Handbook would include this topic. Separately, he offered to work with the Judicial Branch regarding their interpretation of the new law and produce a document. The handbook and this information would be posted on the CJJP website. Tony Reed suggested including information regarding tenant rights to assistance (HF 493).

IV. Council Budget Report

Musel reported that a balance of \$14,715.32 remains and anticipated that \$12,000 would be left on September 30th, the end of the federal fiscal year. These funds expire in September, 2017.

Musel suggested consideration be given to projects to avoid too much carryover in the future. He suggested sending both Jennifer Tibbetts and Kathy Nesteby to the National Girls Initiative (NGI) conference in Washington, DC or providing some funds to support the June 15th DMC conference "Equal Justice for Juveniles".

Carl Smith found it helpful to have presentations by individuals returning from JJAC-supported conferences. He thought all members profited from the knowledge gained.

Karyn Finn suggested holding listening sessions to hear from Iowans regarding legislative issues and juvenile justice reform.

Reed moved to fund travel and registration at allowable state rates for Nesteby to attend the NGI conference, seconded by Julie Walton.

Tibbetts provided information regarding the conference topics. She thought it would be good for both her and Nesteby to attend separate workshops to gain further knowledge regarding girls in the juvenile justice system.

There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Tibbetts and Nesteby will provide a report at the December meeting.

Dave Kuker reported on the upcoming June 15th DMC conference. Approximately 120 individuals from nine communities have registered. A grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation will cover most of the expenses which relate to meals, lodging, and mileage reimbursement. Kuker asked the group to consider covering \$2-3,000 for the conference. He provided information regarding JJDP Act core requirements to reduce DMC. He offered to note that the event was supported by the JJAC.

Smith moved to provide up to \$2,000 for the event with proper credit and marketing, seconded by Finn. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. Formula Funds (Title II) Budget – Action

Musel reported that Iowa receives the minimum amount (\$400,000) in federal Formula funds awarded to states. Two-thirds must go towards the allocation to Juvenile Court Services; \$20,000 to the Council, and \$40,000 to CJJP for administrative costs. He discussed anticipated funds, carryover, and proposed expenditures.

Due to continued funding concerns, the Policy & Programs Subcommittee (PnP) recommended at its March meeting that \$86,692 go towards staff support for a combination of efforts—Mental Health, Gender Specific Services, Evaluation/Research/Compliance Monitoring, DMC, and JJRRI. This recommendation was coming forward as a motion from the PnP Subcommittee.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Concerns expressed included the following:

- Tibbetts did not want gender specific services efforts to diminish. She voiced concern that the focus was more toward males in the juvenile justice system. Michael assured that would

not happen. For now, the IGJI project has somewhat taken on the focus of the Iowa Task Force for Young Women in reviewing services for females.

- Tony Reed noted that staff support has been part of this funding for quite some time. He suggested a status report be provided documenting expenditures.
- The current allocation helps kids in all Iowa counties. Reed noted that the funding would average only \$40,000 per judicial district.
- Michael noted discussion at the March PnP meeting suggesting a focus on higher risk youth.

Illian called for a vote. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference Report

Illian reported on his attendance with Scott Musel at the national conference in Washington, DC, in April. The first day was spent meeting with legislators or their staff. He noted success in meeting last year with Joni Ernst who co-sponsored reauthorization of the JJDP Act. Senator Grassley suggested Illian encourage all JJAC members to contact their legislators in support of reauthorization.

Illian also reported on workshops and the midwest regional meeting. He noted inactivity by other states. He was pleased with Iowa's reputation and noted that Iowa was mentioned several times regarding Senator Grassley's efforts on reauthorization and the recently passed juvenile confidentiality legislation.

He also noted frustration on last minute efforts by CJJ to suspend the bylaws.

VII. Youth Rights & Responsibilities Handbook Update

Musel reported that the handbook was complete until the juvenile confidentiality legislation passed. Staff are compiling this information as well as information on sexting/blackmail sexting. He anticipated that the handbook would be completed by the next meeting. An estimate is also being sought for the development of a smart phone app.

Tony Reed suggested including information on HF493, tenants right to assistance.

[The group recessed for lunch at 12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.]

VIII. Upcoming Iowa Legislation

- **Study group for extending juvenile court jurisdiction**
- **Third Grade Retention (Iowa Code 279.68)**

Carl Smith provided an update on this legislation. Due to funding, the retention effort has been pushed back to 2018 from 2017. Three related bills were introduced by Representative Mascher during this last session. He thanked members for the letter of support. He submitted an editorial to the Des Moines Register.

The following issues were noted:

- The IGJI plan will be ready for next legislative session.
- Musel will follow up on the status of the NAMI report on children's mental health and refer endorsement of the report to the PnP Subcommittee.

IX. Current Activities

A. Priority One: Evidence-Based Practices

Nestebly reported that the JJRRI/SPEP project has expanded to the 4th and 5th judicial districts. No new residential facilities have been added, just community-based services. Programs in the 1st, 3rd, and 6th Judicial Districts are being rescored. A dispositional matrix is close to being finalized and piloted. A validation will be conducted at a later date. An all-sites visit will be held in June in Washington, DC.

Kuker reported on the juvenile reentry initiative which focuses on high-risk youth housed at the State Training School. The initiative will be piloted in the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Judicial Districts. Youth are assessed prior to placement in a variety of areas. Prior to exit, plans are in place related to education, job skills, medication, counseling, and community supports. Several other agencies are involved in coordinating the effort including Voc Rehab, Workforce Development, Department of Education, and providers.

B. Priority Two: Compliance Monitoring and Research

Musel reported that the Compliance Monitoring report is due at the end of June. While there are always a few violations each year, there was nothing that would put Iowa out of compliance. Due to reporting changes, the next report is due at the end of January.

C. Priority Three: Gender Equity

Tibbetts reported that IGJI meetings continue on a monthly basis. A site visit was conducted by the National Girls Institute. Tomorrow's meeting includes a presentation by Paula Schaefer, Minnesota Department of Public Health.

Tibbetts provided an overview of the Minnesota conference attended by her and Nestebly. A meeting was held with Meda Chesney-Lind regarding IGJI efforts.

Nestebly provided summarized information from the data report, "Status of Girls in the Juvenile Justice System". The information was prepared for Director Wong to present before the governor's office. A handout was included in the meeting packet.

D. Priority Four: Disproportionate Minority Contact

Kuker provided information on recent minority youth discussions. Eleven meetings were held with minority youth on a variety of topics on interactions with law enforcement, juvenile court, and schools.

The information will be presented at the June 15th DMC event, "Equal Justice for Juveniles". Teams from nine communities will meet to develop local plans. A variety of related data will be provided. The Chief Justice will provide the keynote address.

E. Priority Five: Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Brain Development

- Musel will follow up on the NAMI report.
- The Juvenile Reentry Systems Initiative is establishing guidelines/policy for youth who are exiting the STS to have medication prior to exit.

X. Unfinished Business

None

XI. New Business

Illian and Michael thanked Mark Day for the hospitality and tour of the State Training School.

XII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

XIII. Facility Tour – Mark Day

Mark Day provided a tour for interested council members.

Respectfully submitted,

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